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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 28, 2005, for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants enclose a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time for response. Applicants believe that no other petition or fee is required at this time. Nevertheless, please charge any additional required fee for this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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